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TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE
FROM: EA/RA - ROBERT J. MARTENS

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1. HUMAN RIGHTS COUNTRY EVALUATION PLANS (LOU)

WE HAVE FORWARDED TO HA WHAT WE HOPE ARE THE FINAL TYPED
VERSIONS OF PART A IN THE CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION
DOCUMENT (CPD) FORMAT FOR AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, FIJI,
PAPUA NEW GUINEA, JAPAN, SINGAPORE, BURMA, THAILAND, THE
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ROC AND BRUNEI. WE HAVE RECEIVED TWO OTHERS FROM HA. OF
THESE, THE MALAYSIAN REPORT IS BEING HELD MOMENTARILY FOR
A RESPONSE FROM THE EMBASSY. THE PHILIPPINE REPORT IS
BEING REVIEWED AND, IF DIFFERENCES REMAIN, WILL NEED TO BE
DISCUSSED WITH BOB OAKLEY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE AS WELL AS
BEING SENT TO THE EMBASSY. TWO OTHER REPORTS (KOREA AND
INDONESIA) ARE STILL BEING HELD BY MARK SCHNEIDER IN HA

FOR FURTHER COMMENT. WE HAVE NOTED THE TIME PROBLEM TO HA GIVEN THE CONGRESSIONAL DEADLINE AS WELL AS THE PRO-

JECTED ABSENCE FROM WASHINGTON OF BOB OAKLEY AND YOURSELF. ANOTHER COMPLICATION IS THE RECEIPT LATE YESTERDAY OF FURTHER COMMENTS FROM H ON INDONESIA AND THE PHILIPPINES AS WELL AS A PROMISE OF FURTHER COMMENT ON KOREA.

2. HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS BEING EXTENDED TO POLICE AND CIVIL LAW ENFORCEMENT USE (CONFIDENTIAL)

I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON SEVERAL DRAFTS OF AN ACTION MEMO TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FROM FOUR FUNCTIONAL BUREAUS (HA, S/P, EB AND PM) WHICH WOULD EXTEND HUMAN RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS TO THE EXPORT OF EQUIPMENT AND APPROVAL OF TRAINING FOR POLICE AND CIVIL LAW ENFORCEMENT USE. THERE ARE FOUR RECOMMENDATIONS AND AS MANY AS FIVE DIFFERENT BUREAU POSITIONS ON ONE RECOMMENDATION ALONE (THE SPREAD IS FORTUNATELY LESS ON THE OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS). EA AND THE OTHER GEOGRAPHIC BUREAUS ARE RECORDED AS FAVORING THE MORE FLEXIBLE OPTIONS (WHICH WE DRAFTED). AN EARLIER DRAFT WAS SEEN BY BOB OAKLEY AND THE LATEST BY BILL GLEYSTEN.

3. FURTHER ON IFI LOANS TO KOREA (CONFIDENTIAL)

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AS NOTED IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY HAD DECIDED THAT US REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ABSTAIN ON TWO LOANS FOR KOREA, ONE AN ADB MINERAL RESOURCES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE LOAN AND THE OTHER A \$55 MILLION IBRD LOAN TO THE MIDDLE INDUSTRIES BANK OF SOUTH KOREA. NOTIFICATION WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SENT TO OUR ADB REPRESENTATIVE TO ABSTAIN AS INDICATED, BUT, FOLLOWING A TREASURY RECLAMA, IT WAS DECIDED TO INSTRUCT OUR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE IBRD TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THAT LOAN.

4. ARMS EXPORT CONTROL BOARD MEETING (SECRET)

AN AECB MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 6 WHICH BILL GLEYSTEN WILL ATTEND. WE HAVE OFFERED EXTENSIVE COMMENTS TO PM ON A DRAFT DISCUSSION PAPER FOR THAT MEETING WHICH WILL FOCUS ON THE QUESTION OF HOW TO MANAGE THE CEILING ON ARMS TRANSFERS TO BE APPLIED IN FY 1978.

5. INDIAN OCEAN ARMS LIMITATIONS TALKS (SECRET)

AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE THIRD ROUND OF US-SOVIET TALKS IN BERN EARLY THIS MONTH POSTS IN MOST LITTORAL COUNTRIES HAVE

BEEN INFORMED OF THE STATUS OF THE TALKS AND INSTRUCTED ON WHAT INFORMATION MAY BE CONVEYED TO HOST GOVERNMENTS. MORE DETAILED BRIEFINGS ARE BEING GIVEN TO THE AUSTRALIAN,

NEW ZEALAND AND JAPANESE EMBASSIES HERE (AMBASSADOR RENOUF MET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY GELB ON DECEMBER 21). I MET WITH MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION FOR A RATHER THOROUGH IN-HOUSE DEBRIEFING A FEW DAYS EARLIER. A NUMBER OF ISSUES REMAIN BETWEEN US AND THE SOVIETS INCLUDING THE DEFINITION OF THE AREA QUESTION THAT IS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO EA AND ON WHICH BOTH SIDES ARE STICKING ON THEIR ORIGINAL POSITIONS. THE NEXT ROUND IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR EARLY FEBRUARY.

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6. PREPARATIONS FOR MS. DERIAN'S TRIP (UNCLASSIFIED)

WE AND THE DESKS ARE PREPARING BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR A BRIEFING BOOK FOR MS. DERIAN'S USE ON HER EAST ASIAN TRIP. INCLUDED WILL BE SUCH ITEMS AS BACKGROUND PAPERS ON EACH COUNTRIES AS WELL AS RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THOSE ACTIVE IN HUMAN RIGHTS WHOM MS. DERIAN MIGHT SEE AT EACH STOP.

7. ASEAN AT THIS GA (CONFIDENTIAL)

USUN HAS REPORTED THAT THE SALIENT CHARACTERISTIC OF THE ASEAN GROUP'S ATTITUDE AT THIS GA WAS AN AVOIDANCE OF CONTROVERSY. EXCEPT FOR RELUCTANT SPONSORSHIP OF THE PHILIPPINE BID TO HOST THE NEXT GA, ASEAN DID NOT PUT FORWARD ANY INITIATIVES NOR DID IT SHOW ANY SIGNIFICANT DEGREE OF LEADERSHIP. THE MEMBERS DID, HOWEVER, CONSULT REGULARLY AND VOTED AS A BLOC IN A NUMBER OF INSTANCES BUT USUN BELIEVES THIS WAS DUE MORE TO THE LACK OF CONTENTIOUS ISSUES WHICH MIGHT HAVE PULLED THE GROUP APART RATHER THAN ANY STRONG SENSE OF UNITY. THE GROUP COSPONSORED SOME GENERALLY MODERATE THIRD WORLD RESOLUTIONS AND USUALLY VOTED WITH THE 77 (HENCE OFTEN AGAINST US). THIS WAS MORE A MATTER OF IDENTIFICATION WITH THE GROUP OF 77 THAN A REFLECTION OF RELATIONS WITH US, HOWEVER. INDEED, THE ASEAN MEMBERS MODERATED THEIR POSITIONS AT OUR URGING ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO US. USUN'S RECENT ASSESSMENT DOES NOT SUGGEST A US EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE GREATER ASEAN UNITY ON UN TYPE ISSUES BUT THIS HAS BEEN A RECURRENT THEME ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH A VIEW CAN BE OVERLY SIMPLISTIC SINCE THERE ARE MANY UN ISSUES WHERE THEIR NATURAL INCLINATION IS TO TAKE A THIRD WORLD POSITION.

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TION AND IT WOULD PROFIT US TO SEEK THE COOPERATION OF THE
ONE OR TWO ASEAN MEMBERS WHO CAN BE SWAYED.

8. WILLIAM H. JORDAN'S TRIP TO ASIA

DURING THE WEEK THE BUREAU HAS PROVIDED WRITTEN MATERIALS
AND ORAL BRIEFINGS FOR WILLIAM H. JORDAN, THE CHIEF STAFF
MEMBER OF SENATOR INOUE'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
OPERATIONS OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. MR. JORDAN
HAS BEEN A KEY FIGURE ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES OF INTEREST
TO EA INCLUDING PROBLEMS REGARDING FUNDING OF THE ASIA
FOUNDATION. HE PLANS TO VISIT KOREA, THE PHILIPPINES AND
SINGAPORE SOMETIME DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 5-30.
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